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FROM JTF CMDR: COL FASSETT KING GRAIN

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SUBJ: MAURITANIA GRAIN AIRLIFT CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 1018 DTG 051345Z AUG 74

B. SECSTATE 169886 DTG 051805Z AUG 74

C. JCS J3 7545 DTG 062312Z AUG 74

D. NOUAKCHOTT 1039 DTG 051600Z AUG 74 (NOTAL)

E. SECSTATE WASHDC 185932 DTG 232145Z AUG 74 (NOTAL)

1. REF A RELAYED ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA (GIRM) REQUEST  
FOR AIRLIFT OF GRAIN TO NEMA. REF B REQUESTED JTF SURVEY AND  
PLANNING TO CARRY OUT REQUESTED AIRLIFT. REF C APPROVED JTF SURVEY.  
REF D PROVIDED PLANNING FACTOR OF 100MT PER DAY FOR NEMA. REF  
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E REQUESTED DOD INITIATE AND EXECUTIE AIRLIFT AND PROVIDED FUND

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2. MISSION IS TO MOVE 3000 MT OF GRAIN TO NEMA, MAURITANIA. FORMAL COORDINATION BETWEEN GIRM AND GOVERNMENT OF MALI (GOM) HAS ESTABLISHED THE AVAILABILITY OF GRAIN AT BAMAKO MALI TO BE MOVED TO NEMA.

3. GOM OFFICIALS HAVE ADVISED JTF COMMANDER THAT ALL LOADING, TRANSPORTATION, AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN EFFECT FOR AIRLIFT IN MALI WILL CONTINUE FOR AIRLIFT TO MAURITANIA.

4. AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE DATA INDICATES MAX PLANNING LOAD OF 15MT; ACCORDINGLY, 200 MISSIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE THE 3000 MT.

5. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. JTF RESOURCES COMMITTED TO THE MALI AIRLIFT WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT MAURITANIA REQUIREMENT.

(A) THE BASIC CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR MALI WILL BE USED FOR MAURITANIA AIRLIFT. SIX MISSIONS PZR DAY WILL OPERATE FROM BAMAKO, MALI TO NEMA, MAURITANIA.

(B) LIMITED OPERATIONS WILL COMMENCE 29 AUG 74 WITH AIR-CREW FAMILIARIZATION MISSIONS IF APPROVAL RECEIVED. FULL SCALE OPERATIONS WILL COMMENCE 30 AUG 74.

(C) AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT WILL STATION A MISSION OFFICER AT NEMA DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE AIRLIFT TO ASSIST IN COORDINATION OF PROBLEM AREAS WHICH MAY ARISE. THE JTF MISSION COMMANDER WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE FIRST DAY'S MISSIONS.

(D) PREVIOUS USAGE HAS RESULTED IN DETERIORATION OF ASPHALT SURFACE AT NEMA. SHOULD THE RUNWAY BECOME UNUSABLE DURING THE COURSE OF THE AIRLIFT, GIRM OFFICIALS HAVE DESIGNATED SELIBABY AND AIOUN AS ALTERNATE OFFLOAD POINTS.  
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